

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Attendees, Date and Type of Interview

The interview was conducted on March 12, 2009 and attended by Supervisory Patent Examiner Patricia Bianco, Examiner Ophelia Hawthorne, Sabing Lee, and Lorenz Siddiqi.

Exhibits and/or Demonstrations

None.

Identification of Claims Discussed

Claim 1, and new proposed independent claims.

Identification of Prior Art Discussed

U.S. Patent No. 6,755,807 to Risk et al.

Proposed Amendments

Potential amendments to the claims were discussed, along with new claims drawn to alternative embodiments and methods of use.

Principal Arguments and Other Matters

Applicants proposed amendments to clarify the scope of the claims. New claims were also proposed to claim alternative embodiments and methods of use. Particular claim language was discussed. The Risk et al. reference was also discussed in relation to the proposed claim amendments and new claims.

Results of Interview

Examiner appeared to indicate that Applicants have overcome the Risk et al. reference, and that she would perform a new search. Examiner also indicated that the proposed method claims should not provoke a restriction requirement.

Applicants indicated that they would file the proposed amendments, with certain modifications, in the present response for consideration by the Examiner.